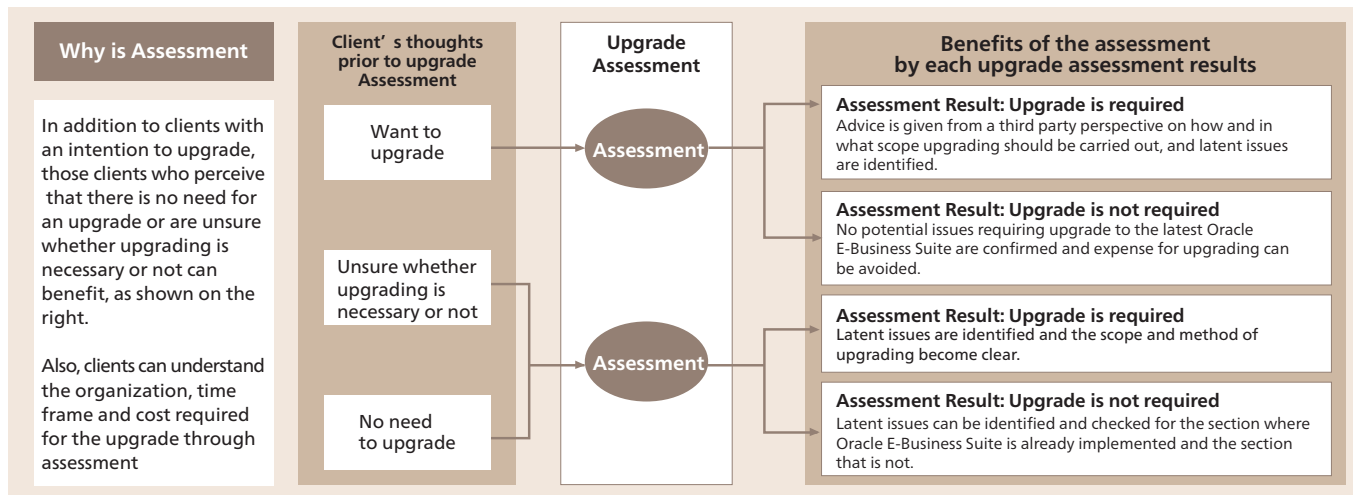![ABeam Consulting® — Build Beyond As One.]

ERP Upgrade Assessment Service for Oracle E-Business Suite

"Oracle E-Business Suite" was introduced to the marketplace over 10 years ago and deployed to hundreds of companies throughout Japan. During this period, not only hardware, but other component such as operating system or database management system have also evolved rapidly, driven by the technological innovation. Now, system environments built on old-generation technology platform are approaching to the end of its manufacturer maintenance period. Business application software such as ERP relies on the old system environment and thus, requires upgrades in order to function in the new-generation technology platform.

"Oracle Applications" (Oracle Apps) has evolved into "Oracle E-Business Suite" (Oracle EBS) with major advancement in its functionality within the past 10 years. The migration to the new system environment not only guarantees customers with the benefits of new functions, but variety of useful functions as well, were made possible by inheriting assets of the past system.

" ERP Upgrade Assessment Service for Oracle E-Business Suite" offered by ABeam Consulting can identify effective and efficient upgrading methods in a short period of time by conducting assessment of the current system environment state and "Oracle Applications".

Why is Assessment

In addition to clients with an intention to upgrade, those clients who perceive that there is no need for an upgrade or are unsure whether upgrading is necessary or not can benefit, as shown on the right.

Also, clients can understand the organization, time frame and cost required for the upgrade through assessment

Client's thoughts prior to upgrade Assessment

Want to upgrade

Unsure whether upgrading is necessary or not

No need to upgrade

Upgrade Assessment

Assessment

Assessment

Benefits of the assessment by each upgrade assessment results

Assessment Result: Upgrade is required
Advice is given from a third party perspective on how and in what scope upgrading should be carried out, and latent issues are identified.

Assessment Result: Upgrade is not required
No potential issues requiring upgrade to the latest Oracle E-Business Suite are confirmed and expense for upgrading can be avoided.

Assessment Result: Upgrade is required
Latent issues are identified and the scope and method of upgrading become clear.

Assessment Result: Upgrade is not required
Latent issues can be identified and checked for the section where Oracle E-Business Suite is already implemented and the section that is not.
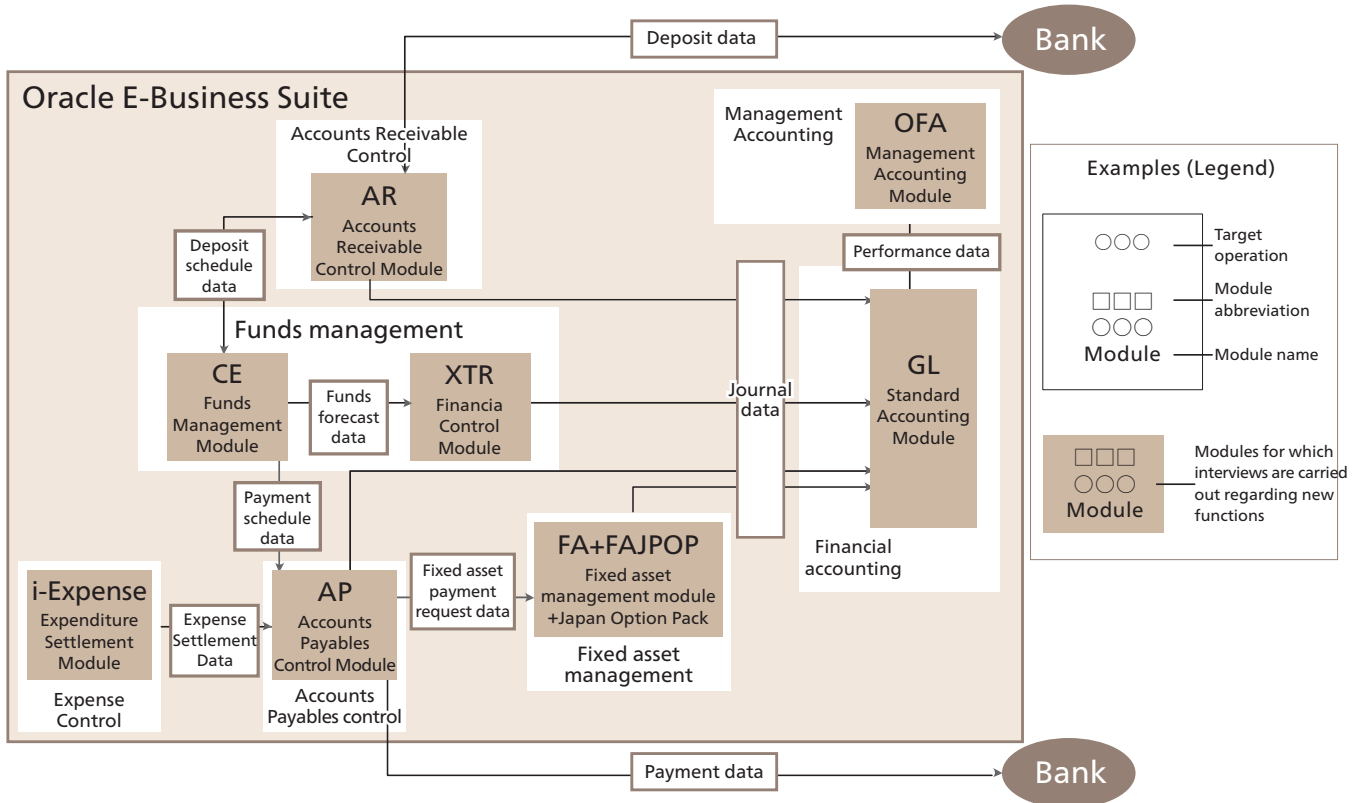
Assessment Approach

We estimate about 2 to 4 weeks in order to conduct low-cost assessment in a short period of time. Our consultants (usually a few staff) will carry out the assessment; however, we will be requesting your time for interviews with the IT and user departments as well as provision of related documents.

	Preparation	Investigation of current condition (approximately 1 to 2 weeks)	Analysis (approximately 1 to 2 weeks)	Report creation (approximately 1 week)	Reporting results
Task overview	Prepare and share common understanding prior to starting the upgrade assessment program	Identify issues through documents and]interviews	Analyze need for upgrade based on investigation results and examine most appropriate upgrading method. Calculate cost effectiveness	Summarize results of analysis and assessment in a report	**Next steps**
ABeam task	■ Explain upgrade assessment program ■ Create interview sheets	■ Conduct interviews ■ Review documents	■ Analyze interview results ■ Summarize analysis results	■ Create report	**Results of upgrade assessment** ■ Scope of upgrade assessment ■ Issues of current system ■ Recommended upgrading method
Client task	■ Submit related documents ■ Coordinate interviewees and schedules	■ Participate in interviews	N/A	N/A	
Presuppositions	Subsequent task duration may change depending on the information given and adjustments made	We request cooperation in investigating related departments such as the finance department and the IT department	Depending on the condition of the interview responses, some items may not be possible to analyze		

Assessment Details

Target Modules for Standard Assessment Program
(services for other modules can also be provided)

The standard program for upgrade assessment service targets FIN modules, most commonly used by companies (below chart is an example of the Oracle E-Business Suite); however, our services extend to SCM, Project Accounting, etc. and other modules. Please do not hesitate to contact us in reference to these services as well.

Deposit data → Bank

Oracle E-Business Suite

Accounts Receivable Control

AR — Accounts Receivable Control Module

Deposit schedule data

Management Accounting

OFA — Management Accounting Module

Performance data

Examples (Legend)

○○○ — Target operation
□□□ — Module abbreviation
○○○ — Module name
Module — Module name

□□□ ○○○ Module — Modules for which interviews are carried out regarding new functions

Funds management

CE — Funds Management Module

Funds forecast data

XTR — Financia Control Module

Journal data

GL — Standard Accounting Module

Financial accounting

Payment schedule data

i-Expense — Expenditure Settlement Module

Expense Settlement Data

AP — Accounts Payables Control Module

Fixed asset payment request data

FA+FAJPOP — Fixed asset management module +Japan Option Pack

Fixed asset management

Expense Control

Accounts Payables control

Payment data → Bank

Overview of the Assessment Results

The results of upgrade assessment limited to ERP are shown below. Wide-range of assessment covering many add-on programs, peripheral systems, operating environments, etc. would also be carried out in a simplistic and timely manner.

Interview Topics & Assessment Results

Question 1: Is there a need to upgrade the databases?

Is there a need to upgrade Oracle E-Business Suite (Applications)?

Question 2: Is there a need to upgrade, including new conditions?

Question 3: Is there a need to upgrade, without new conditions?

Q1 — Yes → Q2 — Yes
Q1 — No
Q2 — No → Q3 — Yes
Q3 — No
Q2 — Yes
Q2 — No → Q3 — Yes
Q3 — No

Recommended Upgrading Method

Databases are to be upgraded
- E-Business Suite upgrade (with new conditions)
- E-Business Suite upgrade (without new conditions)
- No upgrade of E-Business Suite

Databases are not to be upgraded
- E-Business Suite upgrade (with new conditions)
- E-Business Suite upgrade (without new conditions)
- No upgrade of E-Business Suite